

N A R B E R T H U R B A N D I S T R I C T.  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR 1951.

To The Chairman and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1951.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1951  
.....1,054.....

	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D. - 1951</u>	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D. - 1950</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>&amp; Wales</u>
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop)	17.1	15	17.08	15.5
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)	13.3	24	13.5	12.5
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	Nil	Nil	32.2	29.6

There were 18 births, compared with 15 in 1950; two births were illegitimate.

There were 14 deaths, compared with 24 last year.

The fact that the Infantile Mortality Rate i.e. the deaths of children under one year of age, is nil for the second year in succession is one of which the town may justifiably be proud, and one on which the Medical Practitioners and Nurses may be congratulated. But it must be pointed out that even one infant death would have given an Infantile Mortality Rate of 55.5, because the numbers dealt with are so small.

Causes of Death

	M.	F.
Total (all causes)	7	7
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	1	1
Coronary disease, angina	-	1
Influenza	2	-
Bronchitis	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	1
Nephritis & nephrosis	1	-
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	2	4

All the male deaths were of persons over 70 years of age, one being over 80; four of the female deaths were of persons over 70 years, two of these being over 80 years.



## NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There were no notifications of Infectious diseases during the year.

## TUBERCULOSIS

There were no notifications of Tuberculosis.

## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT.

## VACCINATION

This is a free service, offered to all babies, and any other persons for whom it is necessary. The County Council pays for the notification of either successful vaccination or failure after the second attempt, on receipt of the record cards by your Medical Officer of Health.

Records received in 1951 were:-

Primary vaccinations	6	Secondary vaccinations	5
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## IMMUNISATION

This service is also carried out by local doctors, and paid for by the County Council on the receipt of the record cards.

Records received in 1951 were:-

Immunisation of children under 5 years	= 17
Re-inforcements	= 56

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

## REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

No action was necessary under this section.

## WATER SUPPLY

The supply has remained inadequate to meet the needs of the town, and has had to be supplemented by water purchased from the Narberth Rural District.

The Council is to be congratulated on taking steps to get an expert report on the source of its water supply, and in endeavouring to ensure that the town receives a plentiful supply of wholesome water.

14 samples of water were taken during the year for bacteriological examination. Of these nine were satisfactory, and five unsatisfactory.

## SEWERAGE

The sewerage system is unsatisfactory, and a potential source of danger to the inhabitants of the town. The outfall has been a source of complaint, and it is difficult to see how this can be remedied without the construction of a proper disposal plant.



### PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse collection is carried out twice weekly by a contractor with a horse-drawn cart. The refuse is disposed of by tipping on the Town Moor, where the tip is also used by the Rural District Council. Such a tip needs constant attention to prevent it being a nuisance to houses in the immediate neighbourhood, and to prevent fires, one of which caused some alarm in November.

### HOUSING

Six houses were completed by the Council during the year, bringing the total number of houses built by the Council to 20.

, Dorothy M. Griffiths,

M.B., B.S., D.P.H.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1951.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

My service as your Sanitary Inspector began on the 1st November, 1951. The report for that year which follows is, therefore, compiled for much the greater part on work carried out by my predecessor, Mr. A.C. James who I would remind you was away ill for part of his time.

DWELLING HOUSES

During the year eight dwelling houses were inspected, one being found to be in a state so dangerous as to be unfit for human habitation.

One house was found to be overcrowded.

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

No Statutory action was taken under the Housing or Public Health Acts.

INSPECTIONS

A total of 60 inspections of one kind or another were made, including the following:-

Dwelling houses.....	12
Refuse tip.....	10
Dairies.....	2
Rodent Inspections.....	4
Factories.....	4
Drainage.....	10
Shops.....	17

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

MEAT

Meat for human consumption in the town is delivered to butchers from Haverfordwest and Pembroke Dock.

OTHER FOODS

The following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Ham	109 lbs. 13½ ozs.
Luncheon Meat	19 lbs. 4 ozs.
Salmon	1 tin
Plums	9 x 14½ ozs. tins.
Sultanas	28 lbs.

SEWERAGE

One of the things which particularly struck me as a newcomer to the District was the obsolete and unsatisfactory state of the town's sewerage. The Sewers partly of stone, partly stoneware pipes, discharge into open sewers such as I have never encountered before, and are prejudicial to health or a nuisance. New Sewers with proper outfall works should be provided as soon as possible.





### WATER SUPPLIES

When I started work in the town, the chlorination plant to the town's supply was found to be out of order with chlorination not taking place. Chlorination was effected as an emergency measure by hand.

Four samples were taken and examined; 2 were unsatisfactory and 2 satisfactory.

### RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION

The Council had the services of the Rural District Council's operator when necessary.

Number of treatments:-

Sewers.....	1
Refuse Tips.....	1
Business Premises.....	0
Dwelling houses.....	2
No. of rats recovered dead.....	20

### FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i)Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	16	2	Nil	Nil
(ii)Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii)Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:	16	2	Nil	Nil

W.J.M. Hodgkins,

Sanitary Inspector.

